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Hunters Urged to Buy  
"Duck" Stamps Early

The Bureau of Biological Survey today urged all hunters more than 16 years old to purchase a migratory bird hunting stamp before the opening day of the hunting season to avoid a last minute rush.

In past years, some hunters have complained because they were unable to obtain a "duck" stamp at the last minute at an office where the demand had been heavy. Last year more than a million stamps were sold.

In 1939 migratory bird shooting regulations, announced recently by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, make October 1 the first day of the season. They provide a 45-day period for hunting.

"Hunters who wait in line only to be turned away are inclined to blame postal authorities", Survey officials said, "but actually the post offices cannot be expected to cope with a situation that may strike any post office."

It is almost impossible to know where the sudden large demands for "duck" stamps will be, it was explained, because weather conditions greatly influence a hunter's last minute decision. "A post office may run out of stamps one year and have only a mild demand the next", officials said.

It was also pointed out that "duck" stamps were placed on sale on July 1 to give hunters ample time to buy a stamp before the season opens.